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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Over the course of a career spanning more than a half
2 century, G. Harvey of Fredericksburg has distinguished himself as a
3 highly respected artist whose works are prized by museums and
4 collectors throughout the United States and abroad; and

5 WHEREAS, Gerald Harvey Jones was born in San Antonio in 1933
6 and grew up in the Texas Hill Country; as the grandson of a former
7 trail boss, he often heard fascinating stories about the cowboy
8 life; he enjoyed sketching and learned to paint with oils, and after
9 graduating cum laude from North Texas State University, he honed
10 his talent while teaching at The University of Texas at Austin; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1963, Mr. Harvey was able to quit his job and
12 devote himself fully to his painting; he received his first major
13 exhibition just two years later and won the prestigious New
14 Master's Award from the American Artists Professional League; many
15 of his works feature iconic Western scenes, and they were collected
16 by such prominent Texans as President Lyndon Johnson and Governor
17 John Connally; and

18 WHEREAS, A number of Mr. Harvey's impressionistic paintings,
19 rich in period detail, portray American and European cities of a
20 bygone age; over the years, his works have been acquired for
21 important private, corporate, government, and museum collections,
22 and they have been shown in a host of exhibitions, including several
23 at the Gilcrease Museum; in 1991 alone, his art was featured in
24 three prominent Washington, D.C., exhibitions, at the National

1 Archives, the Treasury Department, and the Smithsonian
2 Institution, which hosted "The All-American Horse: Paintings of G.
3 Harvey" for 10 months; the Smithsonian also commissioned his work
4 for the cover of its 150th anniversary commemorative book; and

5 WHEREAS, Among myriad accolades, Mr. Harvey has received a
6 lifetime achievement award from the Briscoe Western Art Museum in
7 San Antonio, the Legacy Award from the Booth Western Art Museum in
8 Cartersville, Georgia, and a Distinguished Alumni Award from North
9 Texas State; and

10 WHEREAS, G. Harvey has earned wide acclaim for his artistry,
11 and his evocative representations of the Old West have helped
12 innumerable Texans feel a closer connection to the history of the
13 Lone Star State; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the 85th Legislature of the State of Texas
15 hereby honor G. Harvey for his outstanding accomplishments as an
16 artist; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Harvey as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives and Senate.